ACCRA IN MANY RESPECTS A REMARKABLE CITY.

Chatty Laundrywomen at Work-The Brookey a Unique Institution, Who Torns His Hand to Augthing, and Keeds but Little Here Relow.

(Special Letter.)



CCRA, the seat of the government of the Gold count, has a surf beach exposed to the whole swing of the Atbantic, and the operations of landing there may usually he described as amphibious. The white man and his chat-

tels are put on and off the beach in ponderous surf-boats, paddled by the Africans, and it has become a recogmized rule that if you do not "dash" your boat-boys a dollar they are quite at liberty to have an accident with you. The cance in the initial photograph is the native idea of a suitable craftquite a different vessel from the white man's. It is duy out from a cottonwood tree, and has its freehoard raised forward by the planking from paraffin cases to help it to ride drily through the rollers. The Accra men have a menius for getting off through surf which no white man ever possessed. Perhaps the curious shape of their three-spiked paddles has something to do with this. They any the reason the puddles are made this way is for ju-ju. which means witchcraft, which stands



CANOE AT ACCRA.

for anything unexplainable on the West coast.

Lagoa is called 'The Liverpool of the West coast," but for good municipal government it might well be the ideal. Desuite the horrors of the gin trade the convicted "drunks" do not amount to 30 per annum out of a population of \$0,000. There is excellent order everywhere. The atreets are clean, the scavenging department is a poem. And particularly should one notice the place for washing clothes out at the back of Marina between the police barracks and the jail. The appurte nances are simple, there is a stream and there are tubs. Each lady, or each clique of ladies, has a tub, usually made from half a palm-oil puncheon, and a plot of ground apportloned to her by stom, and she washes with soap and exertion the cotton lain-clothes of colored Lagos, and, if she is lucky, now and then the white drift garments of the American or European. She is very like her sister hundresses all the world ever; her tongue tolls quite as hard as her hands.

The Krooboy of the west coast is a teanly animal, which, seeing that he is the white man's active right hand, a a good thing for the white man. The surking Krouboy, whose age may be anywhere between 7 and 70, acquires carlone arts. Bumelimes he is a body servant; at other times whichman raneman, stoker or sieward's boy and occasionally he loss laundry worl and is officially known as the Jack wash. His diet is two cupfuls of rice per dieto, and occasional pieces of salt fish, and his residence, thanks to the French possession of the Kroo coast. is Sterra Leone. For personal decorarion he tattoos two blue lines across the bridge of his noss, and shaves his head into garden plots; and when illness attacks him, he paints his eyesockets white with time and presentplain his habits, but, taken with them, he is an excellent servant.

"Doubtful Characters."

When Mr. Gladstone and Lord Tennyson paid a visit to Kirkwall, and wished to see St. Magnus' cathedral. they had to get the assistance of the United Presbyterian minister to show it to them. "I was." Mr. Gladstone. said, "such a doubtful character that even in the company of Tennyson I was not sufficiently respectable to be conducted over it by the proper author-The story is told by Mr. Patrick Campbell, for so many years Mr. Gladstone's election agent in Midiothian. -Westminster Gazett-

An American Uhimoceros.

In the American Museum of Natural Mistory, in Central Park, New York, the skeleton of an ancient American vatuoceros, found in an old river-med in Phillips county. Kansas, has been mounted. It measures to feet 2 inches in length, and 4 feet 1 such in beight.

Letter Carriers in India-Sach letter carrier of India has run & six miles and at the end of it redleved by another carrier, who at in comparatively quit Little

ABOUT PAPER MONEY. How Old Notes Are Destroyed and New

Notes Are Made. In the treasury department at Washington nearly a million dollars of old, worn-out paper money is destroyed daily. Before it to destroyed, however, it is counted by several persons so as to guard against errors and the amount is carefully noted. The money is dispowed of in a large iron receiver that looks like two great pans with their edges shut together. There is a door to the receiver that is locked with three locks, and each lock requires a different kind of key. In accordance with the law, three men are appointed to witness the destruction of the money, and to each one of them is given a key to the receiver; no one of them is allowed to lend his kgy to either of the others or to anyone else. During the day, at the hour agreed upon, the three men meet, and with their several keys unlock the receiver and open it. Then they put the money into it, close the door, and again securely lock the three different locks. This done, water is let into the receiver through a pipe, and a muchine inside beats and grinds the thousands of dollars of old money into a very fine pulp, which is afterwards used for making new paper. New paper bills are printed to take the place of the ones destroyed. The paper used for making paper money to made in large sheets and every sheet is carefully counted. One by one the sheets are moistened and put under a press, where a stamp makes an imprint of one color only, on one side; they are then put aside until dry; when dry they are again moistened and again out under a press, and another imprint of a different color is made. printing process is repeated until all of the colors of both sides have been imprinted; then the sheets are dried and subjected to great pressure to make hem perfectly amouth. Several bills are printed at one time on each sheet, and when the sheets are finished the tills are separated and trimmed by machinery. The separate bills are then given to a queer little machine be numbered; the machine changes ts number every time it makes an imprint, and thus no two bills of the same kind have the same number on

VULCAN'S UTILITY.

The Big Naval Floating Repair Shop a Success.

thum. -D. V. F.

The steamer Vulcan of the navy, fit ted out as a repair-shop ship by Engineer-in-Chief Melville, proved invaluable to the large squadron in Cuban waters, operating far from a naval base, where repairs were impossible except in the case of exceedingly slight injuries, and it is now clearly shown that had not his vessel been promptly sent to Santiago, a number of the warships would have had to continue in a rippled condition or been returned to the United States to be put in good or-A letter received from Chief Engineer Chasmar of the Vulcan delared that the Vulcan is thoroughly appreciated in the squadron, and is doready made use of her facilities for re- ber. pair to their machinery, and several of hem received new steam pipes in place of the old ones that had been shot away. The Vulcan has not been limitamages to the hull of Commodore Watson's flagship, the Newark, caused by collision with the Dolphin, and, among other odd jobs, two shafts for six-inch gun mounts, essential to the use of those weapons, have been made in her shops. The Vulcan has blacksmithing, machine shops, botler making, and other complete outfits aboard that permit work of any reasonable magnitude to be undertaken, superior to the capacity of shops at any small ports, and surpassed alone by the larger mayy yards.

OVER SNOW AND ICE.

All Newfoundlanders being born sailors, they think that when they are



same appliances as they have for the | teply; "I thought you was gone out." sea, and very often the result is both curious and striking, as in this picture. One will observe that dogs arappeared to assist in pulling the bundies of logs, but there can be no doubt that the force of the wind alone is enough to urge along the carmus sledges on which the laws are insided

Curier's Opportunits.

Baron Cuvier, the renowned naturalat, then only 18, accepted a situation as tuter in a family living near Fecamps in Normandy. The house was at 40. near the sea, and he often strolled on the bank. One day he found a stranded cuttle fish. He took it home, dissected it, and began then the study of molluscae, in which he won such a repstation. The ocean was his text book, This was his opportunity to learn from the book. By embracing the opporones begins his run. Thus the mail conities effered in his three years' restta conveyed over apprendicts sections dence by the sea he became one of the shining lights in natural history.

ARTISTIC WOMEN.

ings-Row to Improve Your Homes. Probably at no time in the world's bestory has so much attention been paid to the interior decoration of homes as at present. No home, no seatter how humble, is without its handiwork that beins to beautify the spartments and make the aurround-lags more cheerful. The tasts of the American people has kept pace with the age, and almost every day brings forth something new in the way of a picture, a draping, a piece of furniture or some form of mural decoration. One of the latest of these has been given to the world by the celebrated artist, Muville, in a series of four handsome porceiain game plaques. Not for years has anything as hand-some in this line been seen. The subsome in this line been seen. The subjects represented by these plaques are merican Wil. Ducks, American beasant, American Quail and English American Snipe. They are handsome paintings and are especially designed for hangand are especially designed for hang-ing on diving-room walls, though their richness and beauty entities them to a place in the parior of any home. These original plaques have been pur-chased at a cost of \$50,000 by J. C. Hubinger Bros. Co., manufacturers of the celebrated Klastic Starch, and in order to enable their numerous tomers to become possessors of these handsome works of art they have had them reproduced by a special process in all the rich colors and beauty of the original. They are finished on heavy cardboard, pressed and embossed in the shape of a plaque and trimmed with a heavy band of gold. tomers to become possessors of these They measure forty inches in circum ference and contain no reading matter

or advertisement whatever, Until October 1 Messrs, J. C. Hubin-Until October 1 Messrs, J. C. Hubinger Bros. Co. propose to distribute these plaques free to their custumers. Every purchaser of three ten-cent packages of Elastic Starch, flat-iron brand, manufactured by J. C. Hubinger Bros. Co., is entitled to receive one of these handsome plaques free from their grocer. Old and new customers alike are entitled to the benetomers alike are entitled to the benefits of this offer. These plaques will not be sent through the mail, the only way to obtain them being from your Every grocery store in the country has Elastic Starch for sale. It is the oldest and best laundry starch on the market, and is the most perfect cold process starch ever invented. is the only starch made by men who thoroughly understand the laundry business, and the only starch that will not injure the finest fabric. It has been the standard for a quarter of a cen-tury, and as an evidence of how good it is twenty-two million packages were sold last year. Ask your dealer to show you the plaques and tell you about Elastic Starch. Accept no sub-stitute. Bear in mind that this offer bolds good a short time only, and be taken advantage of without

delay. First Record of India Rubber. The first record of India rubber was made soon after the discovery of the New World by Columbus. The Old World rubbers were still unknown. During the second voyage of Columbus it was noticed that the inhabitants of Hispaniola (Hayti) played with balls made from the gum of a tree. This was 400 years ago. Torquemada mentions, for the first time the name of a rubber tree. That was the ule tree of Mexico-Castilloa clasing great work. Twelve ships have al- tic-yielding Central American rub-

The Canary club of Vienna has opened a canacy exhibition in that city, ed to steam engineering affairs alone. The club is trying to foster canary but has been used for ordnance and raising among working people, as ah construction work. She remedied the easy method of increasing the income of the poor. The exhibition numbers about 1500 native canaries and more than 500 of the Dutch variety.

> Living Without Her. His wife-You would not have half the nervousness you do if you would give up smoking. Himself-Oh, I couldn't live with-

out my pipe. His wife-yes you could. You told

Millie Perry you could not live without her-before you met me.

His Way Out.

Mr. Graves-Well, you might be goclable and laugh now and then, when I tell you a good thing. I am sure if you were to say something clever you would expect me to laugh. Mr. Graves-Oh, no, my dear! I

shouldn't expect you to understand

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Mutual surprise.

"Ym surprised, John," said an old tady when she found her butler helps ing himself to some of her facet old on shore they should make use of the | port. "So am I, ma am," was the cale

sought a Word.

"I want some word," said Rivers, dipping his pen in the lak for the third time, "that is the exact opposite of 'overcome." "What is the matter with 'undergo?' " suggested Brooks.

A smile is only a laugh with the noise left out.

One cynical at 27 is apt to be foolish

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Business and friendship do not always ablde together

FIELDS FOR TRADE.

Phey Are Fond of Cheerful Surround-THE WAR HAS PROVED A REVELATION IN EUROPE.

> for the First Time the Nations of the Old World Have Begun to Realize the Pawer and Resources of This

After a seven weeks' tour of Europe,

Cheodore C. Search, president of the

National Associa on of Manufacturers

of the United States, has returned to

Ph#adelphia. One of Mr. Search's

chief objects in going abroad was to

study the commercial conditions existing in each country of the old world. with the view of shaping the plans of the association on any lines of improvement which such conditions suggested. Mr. Search spent some time in London, and then visited the manufacturing and industrial centers of England, including Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds and Sheffleid. He later on visited Hamburg, Berlin, Copenbagen and some of the leading cities of the north of Europe. In each of these he acquired a good deal of valuable information, and is on the whole decidedly pleased with his trip abroad. Speaking of the trip abroad and of its relation to the organization of which he is president, Mr. Search said: "After having given particular consideration to the possibilities for an Amer lean warehouse in the three most important points I visited, namely, London, Hamburg and Berlin, 1 have come to the conclusion that Hamburg would probably offer the best opportunities and most satisfactory conditions for the location of such an establishment as we have had in contemplation for a long time. London, of course, is the great trading center of the world and has much to commend it to us in our consideration of warebouse enterprises. There are some reasons, however, which might deter us from applying in that city the plans which thus far have been considered, one of which is the fact that many of the largest export manufacturing interests in the United States are already represented in London upon such a basis that it might be difficult to secure their co-operation in such a project as we would undertake, alhough in the course of time their assistance would probably be secured. If we were aiming for the trade of Germany, Berlin, the capital of the ompire and a great business center, would naturally be the base of our operations. There is already a great volume of American business in Berlin, and many important American houses are well represented there. For the character of business which the members of the National Association of Manufacturers would prefer to do in Europe, it seems to me that Hamburg offers the best opportunities and the greatest attractions at the present time. the first place, Hamburg is an admirable depot from which to distribute our goods throughout Europe. It is, too, an active city. While there I visited the Hamburg Exchange, and found it a decidedly wideawake institution. Hamburg, moreover, possesses many advantages, and there are some lines of trade which might be developed satisfactorily, but it could not be considered with Hamburg in the location of a warehouse for American goods. The cities which I visited in Norway and Sweden were also active trade centers, but none of them offer advantages equal to those of Hamburg." Touching the general feeling with which Americans are regarded in Europe, Mr. Bearch said; one who goes abroad at the present time cannot fall to be impressed with the profound respect for all things American which the present war has created in the minds of all Europeans. The successes of the American army and navy have been a revelation to the European nations, and they have gained an entirely new idea of the power and resources of the United States. Everywhere in Germany I saw signs of great activity and great prosperity. Every mill and factory seemed to be full of work, and the whole coun try appeared to be at the height of commercial prosperity," Mr. Search said that the National Association of Manufacturers was widely known in Europe, and wherever he went business men manifested interest in the work which is being done by the association.

Philadelphia's Dog Ambulance. The ambulance built especially for dogs and small animals, and the only one of its kind in the world, has been put in use in the veterinary department of the University of Pennsylvania, Tae exterior of the palace car dog wagon. is decorated on each side with a vignette of a grand-tooking St. Bernard. and the inside is covered with removable antiseptic pads to guard against contagious discases. In order to avoid belligerent encounters between the injured four-footed patients of this iraveling hospital, it has been provided with movable alides, so that the interior can be divided into various sixed compartments. It contains glao esges attached to the top and sides for pet birds and poultry.

The Risk of Being Murdered. About 1,000 murders occurred to England and Wates during the last period of five years for which facts are available. There were, during the same time, nearly 160,000,060 persons of all ages exposed to the risk of being murdered, that is 30,000,000 in any oas The yearly risk of being murdered is, therefore, only the very small degree of probability expressed by the odds of one to 150,000, and it a lifetime be counted as 100 years, the chance of being murdered some time to only one in 1,500.

BUTTERFLY EGGS.

Their Marvelous Beauty as Shows of the Microscope

The traveler in the far East, passing through stone doorways, scrolled and carved with Arabesque fretwork, enters the eastern quarter of old Cairo. The streets are dingy and narrow, but here rise the wonderful domes of the famous mosques-"Tombs of the Mamelukes"-exquisite in all grace and fantasy of shape and color. The fretted sides, a fine and delicate lacework of stone, the marvelous and shining play of light on beautiful tints, seem like a very dream of art. But enter the woods that stretch all about us, and use the microscope that enlarges our vision, and lo, a most wonderful thing has come to pass! Winged beings, far more beautiful than the genti of the 'Arabian Nights," have been here, and on the under side of a common leaf, in size no larger than a pin's head, are structures that fairly rival the mosques of Cairo in wealth of decoration and loveliness of color-the butterfly eggs. They are, many of them, dome-shaped like the mosques, and covered with a rich network, so filmy that it glitters in the mun like a diamond dew, . but each of the lines in a rib, buttressing the whole structure. Other eggs are shaped like tlaras or turbans, and others still are like sea-urchins. Some are shaped like pyramids, and all lead up in their decorations to a minute resette at the top, sometimes deeply indented. through whose openings life is received in the egg. The patterns are often as regular as any "circular rose-window of a Gothic cathedral," and the colors of the egg, beginning with a pale-green the safest of all colors in the green wood-or white, like many tree-blossoms, change afterwards, as the dweller inside develops, into all kinds of brilliant and shining hues, from salmon to orange. These eggs are sometimes found single, sometimes in regular rows, one on top of the other, or strung together like a necklace of beads, or "girdling a twig like a fairy There are insects-not butterring." flies-that lay eggs in aimost incredible numbers, say a trillion in a season! These are soft and perishable, and of short life. Where an insect's eggs have to stand the winter's cold they are usually covered or packed in a kind of cement. If you look at these mere specs through a microscope you will see exquisite shells, clustered like gems or rolled in tubes, or convoluted in spirals and circles. Many eggs are doubly protected because they are so fragile, and are placed in still another shelter, as the eggs of the birds, pale blue, or speckled, or pearly white, in close woven nests, or the eggs of certain spiders in silky bells of golden yellow or purest white, hung among the blossoms. Yet it is more common to find insect eggs bare and exposed to view. One day I saw what had seemed dust grow under a microscope into crystal eggs, on which insect forms appeared to be sharply edged as seen through the transparent case. out skipped some lively, black-eyed wood-folk, independent and aiert. ready for a meal. They seemed fully grown at birth.-E. F. M.

NEW JEWELRY.

The Parislan jewel dealers are always inventing pretty and novel ornaments to attract their fair customers and one of their latest is a wide scroll arrangement through which is drawn the velvet ribbon band, now about the neck. The scroll does not He on the folds, but around them, and is sometimes made of two twisted serpents or again of flower stems, the S flowers forming the central ornament of the necklace.

The collar necktace is the only one worn nowadays. One beautiful one was made of seven large table emeralds, each set in diamonds arranged alternately with lovers' knots. A circular band of four-leaved clovers arranged alternately with the stems up and down, each leaflet coming from a trio of sapphires, is another lovely col-

Ruckles and belts still attract the most attention. Twisted scrpents are favorites, the head having a polished ruby or supphire set in. Enamel buckles are favorites, those in blue being perhaps the prettiest. Small pearand diamond buckles are made oblong. oval, circular and heartshape.

The beltpin is quite allowable and is seen in plain gold and again set with some jewel. Watches just sent over are beauties. Many have the backs enameled in Dubarry pink or Sevres blue, framed in diamonds or pearls fittle touches of the same color reappearing in the true lovers' knot fastening the gem to the bodice. Crimson and dark blue enamel shading to look like fluted satin are also popular. The very latest thing is the globular watch. with a slice off where the face is set

Innumerable trinkets are made of black steel-watches, pins, brooches shirt studs, eigar cases, parasot handies. button-hooks in fact, atmos everything. The favorite decoration wood, Naver Strang, Weaken, or Gripe, 10c. No. for this black steel is tiny diamond paints or stars.

tireck War Statistics.

According to official statistics, 55,134 of the 118,112 Greeks called upon to serve in the recent war managed to get themselves excused for some remuon or other; 63,107 really were under arms in the regular army. sides these, a volunteer force of 8,232 was callsted, 7,832 of whom were foreigners and but 389 Greeks. Greeks lost in killed on the battlefield altogether 698 men, including 26

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